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Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 10 May 1963

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - April 1963

25X1C 1. On 2 April, Mr. Richard See of the National Science Foundation and Chief, FDD, upon the request of the AD/CR, briefed [redacted]

25X1C [redacted] concerning our views on machine translation developments in the United States.

25X1A Also on 2 April, Chief, FDD and Chief, USSR Branch, FDD Met with the Chief, Reports of SR Division, DDP to discuss requirements for translation of 40-50 thousand pages annually of [redacted] language materials.

25X1A Chief, FDD spoke further on 9 April with [redacted]
[redacted] Deputy Chief, SR Division concerning the nature of this material and the volume which is expected.

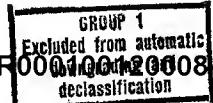
25X1A At a meeting 11 April with [redacted]
[redacted] Chief, FDD discussed in detail the effect of the priority SR requirement on the Division's economic reporting program on the USSR. Agreement was reached on reduced reporting in some areas of the program.

25X1A On 30 April, Chief, FDD met with [redacted]
[redacted] the OSI Staff to determine OSI priorities with respect to translation of the SR document workload and discuss possibilities of OSI financial support to FDD.

STATSPEC By the end of April 1,740 pages of the top priority SR documents had been received and 29 Russian linguists had been reassigned to expedite the handling of these materials. Simultaneously the work being done by these linguists was [redacted]

[redacted] On 19 April a 28 page listing of documents was received and work will begin on these as soon as the top priority material is completed.

2. Chief, ADP Staff and Chief, FDD briefed the DD/I and the ADD/I on May 3rd on the Stenowriter/MT system. The reaction of Messrs. Cline and Sheldon to the IBM proposal was entirely favorable.



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Chief, Budget Division was similarly briefed on the IBM proposal, 18 April.

On 22 April senior officers of the Agency headed by the DD/S received a briefing on the Stenowriter/MT system from IBM 25X1A at the Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, New York.

On 29 April, Messrs. [redacted] visited Chief, Support Branch, FDD for a briefing on the Stenowriter system. Their interest was in the promised speed of the Stenowriter compared to the [redacted]

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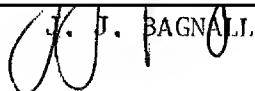
3. The Division effort to maintain adequate coverage of an increasing number of source publications from the Latin American area has been additionally strained by a recent heavy inflow of Cuban provincial press sources. The receipt of a number of specific requirements, over and above the established and continuing program of reporting on Latin America, has also over burdened existing exploitation facilities. Such requirements have been levied by DDP; e.g., information on dissidents in the Cuban armed forces, Cuban recruitment of foreign technicians; State Department, information on Latin American May Day visitors to the Sino-Soviet Bloc;

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[redacted] The necessity for an additional manpower commitment to the Latin America area, at the expense of other area coverage, is under study.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report
2. Details of personnel actions

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